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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Susan McConnell et al. )  
Serial No. 09/698,783 )  
Filed: October 27, 2000 )  
For: FLUID RESERVOIR PISTON )

Examiner: Cris Loiren Rodriguez  
Group Art Unit: 3763

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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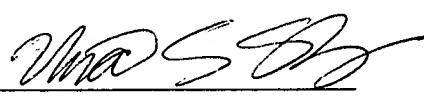
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time, extending from December 19, 2002 to January 19, 2003 the period for response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002. The responsive papers are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee insufficiency (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-0621. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

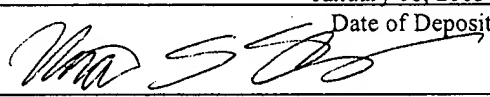
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